



July 19, 2025

Well, that short run of “contention” was fun while it lasted. We’re out of the mix (not that we ever expected to be in it this season) and sit eight games back (45-53) in both the AL West and wild card with 11 games against Houston and Seattle coming out of the All Star break. The Draft happened. And we’re two weeks out from the Deadline, albeit with very little to offer.

Before diving into the Draft recap, a brief look at the current state of the Angels as we return from the All Star break, starting with the hitters. **Logan O’Hoppe** and **Mike Trout** both made the All Star team as reserves. Trout went ballistic in June, hitting .299/.419/.540 (163 wRC+) and has carried it into July as well. He’s tracking towards a potential 6-WAR season. Team-wise, here’s where we stack up:

TEAM BATTING STATS & RANKINGS	
Batting Average	.250 - 10th in AL
On-Base Percentage	.332 - 5th in AL
Slugging Percentage	.420 - 9th in AL
On-Base + Slugging	.752 - 6th in AL
WAR	14.6 - 5th in AL
wOBA	.322 - 5th in AL
Runs Scored	457 - 6th in AL
Hits	827 - 9th in AL
Extra-Base Hits	306 - 8th in AL
Home Runs	118 - 10th in AL
Bases On Balls	370 - 2nd in AL
Strikeouts	865 - 10th in AL
Stolen Bases	91 - 2nd in AL
Base Running	-2.7 - 8th in AL

We’ve been reasonably healthy thus far and were overdue for an injury. **Zach Neto** was the casualty, as he banged up his foot on an awkward defensive play at second base last week and will miss 3-4 weeks. It’s a shitty, albeit short-term setback for Neto, who is in the midst of a true breakout season:

Season	TM	LVL	G	PA	AVG	OBP	SLG	HR	RBI	BB%	SO%	wOBA	wRC+	ISO	BABIP	SB	CS	WAR
	LAA	MLB	89	397	.278	.335	.497	17	54	6.3	21.7	.351	122	.219	.315	16	1	3.0
Projected	LAA	MLB	147	656	.278	.335	.497	28	89	6.3	21.7	.351	122	.219	.315	26	2	4.9

Without a viable shortstop option at Salt Lake – and to avoid making a 40-man move – we promoted 22-year-old **Arol Vera** straight from Rocket City. He’s well outside of our organizational top 30 but was added to the 40-man last December because of his excellent glove at both middle infield spots. He wasn’t hitting much at Rocket City (83 wRC+) and hasn’t gotten to the power that was expected when he signed several years ago. For now, he’ll back up **Miguel Rojas** at shortstop and likely draw one start per week until Neto returns.

You might notice a new name in the below stat chart. Old man **Andrew McCutchen**, who will turn 39 at the end of the season, is (for now) an Angel. The Pirates traded Cutch to Kansas City at the 2024 Deadline. He entered free agency in the offseason and latched on with the Twins on a contingent minor league deal. He didn’t hit enough in Minnesota (90 wRC+ in 144 PAs) and was released in early June when the Twins needed a roster spot. After a week idle on the market, we offered him a minor league deal and sent him to Salt Lake to get back up to speed. He made his Anaheim debut two weeks ago and is DH’ing against lefties with sporadic appearances against righties. We’re trying to keep him out of the field, but he’s getting occasional innings in left field, where he’s below-average but not horrendous. His vaunted leadership skills are a nice fit within our young clubhouse. If the right offer comes along at the Deadline, he could be in a new uniform (again) by August 1, but (obviously) I’m not expecting much in return.

Of note, **Grant McCray** has injected himself into the fringes of the AL ROY race. Despite missing the first month of the season, he’s already accumulated 1.3 WAR – most of it derived from his elite defense in center field and his basestealing prowess (12-for-12 thus far). There’s still a little bit of room for growth with the bat, but I’m sticking with my earlier Trent Grisham comp (in a good way!)

Oh man...**Luis Rengifo**. A no good, very bad, terrible year. Some idiot handed him a three-year extension in the offseason. Can’t run. Can’t hit. Looks like hot garbage in the field. Who gave him all of that guaranteed money? Woops. My bad.


POS	#	Name	Age	B	T	PA	AVG	OBP	SLG	HR	RBI	BB%	SO%	BABIP	wOBA	ISO	wRC+	SB	CS	WAR
CF	27	Mike Trout	33	R	R	406	.280	.382	.504	19	60	13.1	23.4	.333	.378	.225	141	8	1	3.5
C	14	Logan O'Hoppe	25	R	R	351	.255	.385	.542	23	52	16.2	26.2	.287	.387	.287	147	0	1	2.9
1B	18	Nolan Schanuel	23	L	R	420	.299	.379	.521	19	61	11.2	14.5	.310	.372	.222	137	0	0	2.7
CF	40	Grant McCray	24	L	R	198	.234	.308	.337	3	15	7.1	26.8	.311	.286	.103	77	12	0	1.3
LF	17	Dylan Beavers	23	L	R	356	.257	.334	.463	14	53	10.1	22.8	.297	.335	.206	111	12	3	1.2
C	4	Pablo Aliendo	24	R	R	168	.262	.351	.407	2	23	8.9	31.5	.391	.327	.145	106	1	1	1.2
3B	12	Werner Blakely	23	L	R	110	.234	.336	.362	1	7	11.8	43.6	.457	.309	.128	93	4	1	0.6
LF	22	Andrew McCutchen	38	R	R	177	.252	.373	.422	5	20	15.8	27.1	.337	.345	.170	118	2	2	0.1
RF	23	Mickey Moniak	27	L	R	120	.220	.283	.330	2	9	7.5	24.2	.278	.264	.110	62	2	1	0.1
SS	8	Arol Vera	22	S	R	5	.200	.200	.200	0	0	0.0	40.0	.333	.176	.000	1	0	0	-0.0
2B	20	Miles Mastrobuoni	29	L	R	234	.207	.265	.346	3	20	7.3	23.5	.264	.262	.138	61	12	3	-0.1
SS	1	Miguel Rojas	36	R	R	156	.194	.269	.245	0	9	7.1	9.0	.213	.231	.050	39	5	1	-0.7
2B	2	Luis Rengifo	28	S	R	377	.224	.292	.363	11	41	7.4	18.6	.251	.279	.140	73	9	4	-1.0

An Early Trade

We don't have much to offer at the Deadline, but we did make an early trade yesterday (July 18th). Despite our non-contending status, we were the ostensible "buyer" here, acquiring **Anthony Bender** and his 2 ½ remaining years of arb control from the Marlins in exchange for 24 year-old Puerto Rican outfielder **Jadiel Sanchez**, our 23rd-ranked prospect.

The Marlins are always eager to part with increasingly-expensive players – especially fungible assets like relievers – and Bender is heading into an offseason in which he could cost \$2.5-\$3M at arb. We can afford that number; they likely cannot. He's having another excellent season and has evolved into one of the most reliable middle/late inning relievers in baseball. In 40 innings this year, he's pitched to a 2.90 ERA/3.03 FIP with a 25.8% K rate and 8.9% BB rate. In a bullpen filled with homer-prone arms, his 0.4 HR/9 (0.5 last season) is a breath of fresh air. Bender immediately becomes the second-best arm in our bullpen and will slide into a high-leverage role in front of **Robert Stephenson**, who is starting to generate some trade buzz from contenders in need of a reliable late-inning reliever. Teams unwilling to pay the prospect capital for Devin Williams or Pete Fairbanks (both of whom are on the block as impending free agents but will cost highly-regarded prospects) might look to us as a fallback option. With Stephenson under control through 2026 and us hoping to start contending again next season, we're in no great rush to move him, but we'd be foolish not to listen.

The Phillies drafted **Jadiel Sanchez** in the 12th round in 2019 out of a Puerto Rican high school. He arrived in the Angels organization – along with **Mickey Moniak** – in the 2022 Deadline trade involving Noah Syndergaard. My view on him is a 4th/5th outfielder with above-average defense in the corners but not enough power to play a semi-regular role. In 327 PAs at AA Rocket City, he hit .257/.373/.422 with excellent bat-to-ball skills (13.8% BB rate; 15.0% K rate) and a league-average 101 wRC+. He's been Rule 5-eligible for two seasons but is now at a juncture where it might make sense for the Marlins to add him to the 40-man prior to the next Rule 5 Draft. We're deep enough in big league and upper-minors OF depth that he was an expendable piece for Bender.



ANTHONY BENDER | #37

RP | Los Angeles Angels | Throws: Right | Age 30 | 6' 4" - 200 lbs | Salary: \$1,440,000

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Age	30 years, 166 days
Date of Birth	February 3rd, 1995
City of Birth	Petaluma, CA
Nationality	American 🇺🇸
Position	Pitcher (Reliever)
Bats / Throws	Right / Right
Team	Los Angeles Angels (MLB)
Salary	\$1,440,000
Signed through	2025 (arbitration)
School	Santa Rosa JC (JuCo)
Acquired	Trade with MIA (07/18/2025)
Morale	Good 😊
Expectation	Bullpen
Major Service	4 Years, 102 Days

BASIC PITCHING RATINGS

Stuff	Current / Potential
60 / 60	
Movement	
55 / 55	
HRA	
60 / 60	
PBABIP	
50 / 50	
Control	
50 / 50	
Slider	
75 / 75	
Changeup	
55 / 55	
Sinker	
65 / 65	

SUMMARY

Overall	50
Potential	50
Scouting Accuracy	High
Scouting Task	2 Weeks

OTHER PITCHING RATINGS

GB/FB Tendency	Extreme Groundball
Velocity	97-99 Mph
Arm Slot	Over the Top
Pitcher Type	Groundballer
Projected Role in	MLB (MLB)
Current	Bullpen
Stamina	30
Hold Runners	55

POSITION RATINGS

Pitcher	50
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BATTING RATINGS

Contact	25 / 25
Power	25 / 25
Eye	30 / 30
Sacrifice Bunt	30

PERSONALITY

Legitimately warm individual.



JADIEL SANCHEZ | #26

RF | Pensacola Blue Wahoos - Southern League (AA) | Bats: Switch | Age 24 | 6' 2" - 190 lbs

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Age

24 years, 70 days

Date of Birth

May 10th, 2001

City of Birth

Arroyo, GUA

Nationality

Puerto Rican

Position

Right Field

Bats / Throws

Switch / Right

Team

Pensacola Blue Wahoos (SL, MIA)

Salary

Minor League Contract

Acquired

Trade with LAA (07/18/2025)

Morale

Good

Expectation

No expectation

Major Service

None

BASIC BATTING RATINGS

Contact

50 / 55

Current / Potential

BABIP

50 / 50

Avoid K's

55 / 55

Gap Power

45 / 45

Power

40 / 40

Eye

50 / 50

SUMMARY

Overall

40

Potential

45

Scouting Accuracy

Very High

OTHER BATTING RATINGS

Batted Ball Profile

Normal

Groundball Tendency

Normal

Flyball Tendency

Normal

Speed

45

Stealing Aggressiveness

30

Stealing Ability

60

Baserunning

45

Sacrifice Bunt

50

Bunt for Hit

50

POSITION RATINGS

Left Field

60

Center Field

30 / 35

Right Field

55

DEFENSIVE RATINGS

Outfield Range

50

Outfield Error

55

Outfield Arm

65

PERSONALITY

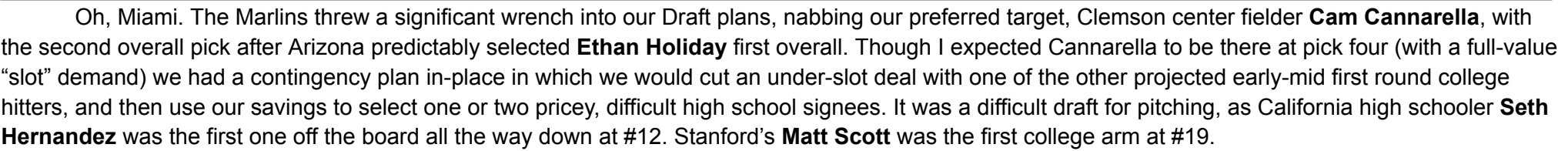
To call Sanchez a perfectionist is an understatement.

High: Adaptability

Low: Financial Ambition



Miscellaneous Notes

- Barring a setback, we're roughly six weeks out from **Caden Dana's** Anaheim debut. He's had a few blow-up starts recently but also spiked some 8-10 K games. For the season, he's sitting 4.75 ERA/5.25 FIP with a 26.2% K rate and 13.3% BB rate. Like so many of our pitching prospects, he's been killed by homers (1.6 HR/9). The #56 overall prospect, we're continuing to target September 1 roster expansion for his debut.
- Our pitching is horrendous...but we don't have an open rotation spot at the moment after **Patrick Sandoval** made it back from last year's UCL surgery. He made his first big league start a few days ago after a lengthy build-up in the minors and will enter his final run through arbitration in the offseason. **Jose Soriano** went to Double A two months ago for a reset and is still there – not because he needs more time, but because there isn't a spot. **Sam Bachman**, the #9 overall pick 2021 (#Bust), is still at Salt Lake and hasn't pitched in the bigs since April. If we move any of **Tyler Anderson**, **Griffin Canning**, or **Zach Eflin** at the Deadline, then a spot will open up.
- **Possible Deadline movers:**
 - Griffin Canning (impending FA, \$1.2M remaining)
 - Tyler Anderson (impending FA, \$5.0M remaining)
 - Zach Eflin (impending FA, \$6.4M remaining)
 - Robert Stephenson (signed through 2026, \$15.3M remaining)
 - Miguel Rojas (impending FA, \$1.1M remaining)
 - Andrew McCutchen (impending FA, vet minimum)



POS	Name	Age	Draft Team	Draft Round	Draft Pick	School	Height	Weight	Overall	Potential
3B	Ethan Holliday	18	Arizona	1	1	Stillwater (OK) High School	6' 4"	200 lbs	20	65
CF	Cam Cannarella	21	Miami	1	2	Clemson University	6' 0"	175 lbs	30	55
LF	Jace LaViolette	21	Chicago	1	3	Texas A&M University	6' 5"	220 lbs	20	55
SS	Wehiwa Aloy	21	Los Angeles	1	4	University of Arkansas	6' 2"	200 lbs	20	60
3B	Ethan Petry	21	Colorado	1	5	University of South Carolina	6' 4"	235 lbs	20	50
1B	Anthony Martinez	21	Toronto	1	6	UC Irvine	6' 3"	225 lbs	20	50
C	Caden Bodine	21	Washington	1	7	Coastal Carolina University	5' 11"	200 lbs	20	50
3B	Quentin Young	18	Pittsburgh	1	8	Oaks Christian	6' 5"	215 lbs	20	40
LF	Devin Taylor	21	Oakland	1	9	Indiana University	6' 0"	195 lbs	25	50
C	Ike Irish	21	Detroit	1	10	Auburn University	6' 2"	200 lbs	20	45
3B	Xavier Neyens	18	Tampa Bay	1	11	Mount Vernon	6' 4"	200 lbs	20	50
SP	Seth Hernandez	19	Cincinnati	1	12	Rancho Cucamonga	6' 5"	195 lbs	20	70
1B	Zach Yorke	21	St. Louis	1	13	Grand Canyon University	6' 2"	270 lbs	20	50
CF	Gavin Turley	21	San Diego	1	14	Oregon State University	6' 2"	195 lbs	20	45
LF	Dean Moss	19	Chicago	1	15	IMG Academy	6' 0"	180 lbs	20	45
SS	Coy James	18	Kansas City	1	16	Davie County	6' 0"	180 lbs	20	50
3B	Brady Ebel	17	Miami	1	17	Etiwanda	6' 3"	195 lbs	20	50
LF	Blake Cyr	21	New York	1	18	University of Miami	6' 0"	190 lbs	20	45
SP	Matt Scott	21	Minnesota	1	19	Stanford University	6' 6"	230 lbs	20	45
SP	Josh Hammond	18	San Francisco	1	20	Westchester Academy	6' 1"	205 lbs	20	55

The bad news is that Aloy is not a typical, top five-level talent. He's exceedingly unlikely to remain at shortstop once he reaches the high minors and is less developed than most early first round pick college picks. He was also under-recruited out of high school, playing two years at Sac State prior to transferring to Arkansas. The good news is that there's ample remaining projection here and he has a very real ceiling as an All Star-caliber second baseman upon reaching full maturity. He communicated his willingness to sign well under-slot in order to go in the first five picks, and once Texas A & M outfielder **Jace LaViolette** went third to the White Sox, we knew Aloy would be our guy. Given the choice (hypothetically), we likely would have taken him over LaViolette due to concerns over Jace's future defensive position (he needs a ton of work to be a passable corner outfielder and is more likely to end up at first base). The other possible option here was switch-hitting Coastal Carolina catcher **Caden Bodine** – one of two catchers projected to go in the top half of the first round – and had we simply gone "best player available," we might've taken Bodine. My concern there was that Bodine could be big league-ready by the end of next season and would then be blocked by O'Hoppe, leading to a potential trade. The Nats selected him a few picks after us (7th overall). Aloy signed two weeks ago for \$6.1M – approximately \$1.6M below slot.


WEHIWA ALOY | #0

SS | Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels - Arizona Complex League (R) | Bats: Right | Age 21 | 6' 2" - 200 lbs

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Age 21 years, 165 days

Date of Birth February 4th , 2004

City of Birth Wailuku, HI

Nationality 

Position Shortstop

Bats / Throws Right / Right

Team Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels (ACL, LAA)

Salary Minor League Contract

Prospect Ranking #30

School University of Arkansas

Acquired Draft Pick (2025, Rd: 1 - Ovr Pk: 4th)

Morale Normal 😊

Expectation No expectation

Major Service None

BASIC BATTING RATINGS

Contact Current / Potential

35 / 55

BABIP

35 / 55

Avoid K's

30 / 55

Gap Power

35 / 50

Power

35 / 60

Eye

35 / 55

SUMMARY

Overall 20

Potential 60

Scouting Accuracy  Very High

OTHER BATTING RATINGS

Batted Ball Profile Line Drive Hitter

Groundball Tendency Normal

Flyball Tendency Normal

Speed 45

Stealing Aggressiveness 50

Stealing Ability 50

Baserunning 50

Sacrifice Bunt 45

Bunt for Hit 45

POSITION RATINGS

Second Base 55 / 60

Shortstop 45 / 50

DEFENSIVE RATINGS

Infield Range 60

Infield Error 55

Infield Arm 50

Turn DP 60

PERSONALITY

Aloy will eventually harness his energy and improve his knowledge of the game.

Personality class: Unknown

Low: Leader

This was a fallback pick, as the White Sox snatched FSU left-hander **Jamie Arnold** one pick in front of us, ending Arnold's surprising slide into the second round. Arnold is a plug-and-play, fast-moving starter who could see a big league mound in the latter half of next season. Like Wehiwa Aloy, Gibbs is a borderline shortstop who would excel at either second base or third base. There will be plenty of time to sort it out as he is several years away from Anaheim and might struggle for the foreseeable future with his bat-to-ball skills. Even if the bat takes forever, he has a strong foundation with his defense and baserunning. Gibbs generated some mid-late first round buzz in the pre-draft process but had a strong commitment to UGA, so this was a reasonably good value at pick 46. He forewent the UGA commitment to sign for slot money and is getting his first pro reps with the complex team in Arizona.

3rd Round Pick (#84): SP Myles Upchurch, St. Albans HS, Washington DC (Signed \$2.0M); slot value \$900K

The “other” recipient of the Aloy savings, Upchurch was an Alabama commit who would not budge off of his \$2 million demand. He’s a little bit further along than many similarly-evaluated high school pitchers in this class and should open 2026 at Inland Empire. With 60 stamina and an advanced changeup, he has the toolkit to stick as a starter as he climbs the organizational ranks. Homers will be an issue for awhile, but this is one of the precious few high school arms in this class for whom I felt comfortable “paying up.” He slides in behind Caden Dana, Drew Beam, and Chris Levonas as the fourth-ranked pitching prospect in the organization (189th overall).

4th Round Pick (#104): CF Eli Pitts, North Gwinnett HS, Georgia (Signed \$730K): slot value \$730K
Another SEC-bound player whose demand we were able to meet. Pitts was committed to South Carolina but signed for slot. He's not quite a **Kellon Lindsey**-type runner, but he should be able to stick long-term in center and has enough remaining physical projection to get to non-zero power. The combo of bat-to-ball skills, defense, and speed is always valuable, though he's somewhat hurt by batting right-handed and carries short-side platoon risk.

A money-saver after splurging in rounds two-through-four, Houston will hopefully be what we thought **Kyle DeBarge** would be in last year's Draft class. He's one of the most developed and polished players in the class and wouldn't look out of place as a big league middle infielder today. Without much speed, he'll need to develop some on-base skills to carve out a role, but this looks like a safe, high-floor pick with a near-certain chance of providing value at the bottom of a big league roster within the next few seasons, especially if he can also moonlight part-time in the outfield (where he has 60-grade range and a 50 arm).

6th Round Pick (#163): SP Mitch Voit, Michigan (Signed \$425K; Slot \$425K)

A two-player at the University of Michigan, Voit is going to exclusively pitch as a pro. We were pleasantly surprised to be able to grab him at the top of the sixth round and see him as a sure-fire starter due to his on-mound athleticism (potential 80-grade fielder) and advanced three-pitch mix. He'll need to work through homer-prone tendencies, but he was one of the youngest college pitchers in the class and has substantial remaining projection to which we'll need to tap in over the next several seasons. We gave him an aggressive assignment to Inland Empire, where he's buzzed through hitters in his first five starts (34.5% KK; 7.1% BB rate).

7th Round Pick (#193): SP Aiden Barrientes, Katy, Texas HS (Signed \$490K, Slot \$310K)

We went well over slot to bring in Barrientes, who eschewed his TCU commitment to sign with us. Still 17 years old on Draft day, Barrientes is a long-term dev project whose upside rivals that of our third round pick, **Myles Upchurch**, but is nearly a full year younger. As always with a high school pitcher (especially one at the low-end age-wise for his class), there's an exceedingly wide range of outcomes. With some offseason development, he has a chance to open 2026 pitching for a full-season affiliate at Low A Inland Empire.


Much like last year's 10th round pick, **Corey Collins**, Kreig is an accomplished college power hitter whose odds of reaching the majors are severely hampered by his lack of defensive utility. Like Collins, he's limited to first base (and is only mediocre there), but this is arguably *the* premier power/eye bat in the entire Draft class. As a right-handed hitter, he has an even steeper climb than Collins (who is having quite a season at Double A with 41 home runs and an equally-predictable 35.5% K rate, leading to a league-average 101 wRC+ despite the incredible power). Kreig is widely-lauded for his work ethic, intellect, and leadership skills, all of which he'll need if he's going to grind his way to the bigs with a profile that has fallen out of favor in baseball circles over the last few seasons.

9th Round Pick: SP/RP Matthew Hoskins, Univ. of Georgia (Signed \$240K; slot \$215K)

Hoskins was a two-way player at UGA but will only pitch in pro ball. Like most two-way college players, he's a plus athlete on the mound and could be an 80-grade fielder by the time he finishes developing. However, unless his control takes a significant leap above projections, he's likely to end up in relief, albeit in some sort of bulk/follower role. The key to his future is the cutter (currently only a 40-grade), as he needs something to deal with lefties while leaning on a very strong fastball/slider combo against righties.

Round 10 (Pick #283): C Max Kaufer, Texas A & M (Signed \$250K; slot \$187K)

This was a shallow draft for catchers after the top two (Bodine and Irish, both of whom went in the first 11 picks) but Kaufer is in the Jayden Melendez mold (our 6th rounder last year; currently at High A) as a defense-first college backstop who could hit just enough to clear the extremely low threshold for backup big league catchers. The system is now teeming with catchers (starting with O’Hoppe and Aliendo at the top) but with the physical demands of the position, no one ever said there was such a thing as “too much catcher depth.”



MAX KAUFER | #46

C | Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels - Arizona Complex League (R) | Bats: Right | Age 20 | 6' 0" - 210 lbs

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Age

20 years, 116 days

Date of Birth

March 25th, 2005

City of Birth

Medford, NJ

Nationality

American

Position

Catcher

Bats / Throws

Right / Right

Team

Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels (ACL, LAA)

Salary

Minor League Contract

School

Texas A&M University

Acquired

Draft Pick (2025, Rd: 10 - Ovr Pk: 283rd)

Morale

Normal

Expectation

No expectation

Major Service

None

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BASIC BATTING RATINGS

Contact

35 / 50

BABIP

35 / 45

Avoid K's

35 / 55

Gap Power

35 / 45

Power

35 / 45

Eye

35 / 45

SUMMARY

Overall

20

Potential

40

Scouting Accuracy

Very High

OTHER BATTING RATINGS

Batted Ball Profile

Normal

Groundball Tendency

Normal

Flyball Tendency

Normal Pull Hitter

Speed

35

Stealing Aggressiveness

35

Stealing Ability

35

Baserunning

40

Sacrifice Bunt

45

Bunt for Hit

45

POSITION RATINGS

Catcher

45 / 55

DEFENSIVE RATINGS

Catcher Blocking

60

Catcher Framing

55

Catcher Arm

55

PERSONALITY


Preparation, intensity, and poise. He has them all.

Personality class: Unknown

High: Leader, Financial Ambition, Work Ethic, Intelligence

11th Round (Pick #313): SP Gavyn Jones, McClennan CC (JuCo); signed \$95,000; slot \$160K

This was a deep cut. The Mets selected Jones in the 18th round in 2023 out of a Texas high school, but he opted to stick with his commitment to Texas Tech before pivoting to JuCo (academics, perhaps?) He pitched for two seasons at McClellan and committed to the University of Oklahoma a few months ago, perhaps leading to many teams viewing him as a tough sign. Through some diligence, we learned that he was willing to sign for well-below slot in the middle rounds and were thrilled to still see him on the board at this late juncture. He signed for just under \$100K and will be a long-term project with more upside than typical picks in this range. There's a real starter's toolkit here with 55 stamina and a well-rounded four-pitch mix from the left side, but he'll need to somehow ameliorate his home run woes. He's finishing this season in Complex Ball and will likely open 2026 at Low A Inland Empire.



GAVYN JONES | #18

SP | Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels - Arizona Complex League (R) | Throws: Left | Age 20 | 6' 2" - 200 lbs

PROFILE

RATINGS

BATTING STATS

PITCHING STATS

FIELDING STATS

HISTORY

EDITOR

Ratings relative to: MLB

OSA Ratings

Head Scout

SUMMARY

CONTRACT

STRATEGY

DEVELOPMENT

SCOUTING

INJURY HISTORY

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BASEBALL CARDS

ACTIONS...

PERSONAL DETAILS

Age

20 years, 354 days

Date of Birth

September 13th , 2004

City of Birth

White Oak, TX

Nationality

American

Position

Pitcher (Starter)

Bats / Throws

Left / Left

Team

Los Angeles A (ACL) Angels (ACL, LAA)

Salary

Minor League Contract

School

McLennan CC (JuCo)

Acquired

Draft Pick (2025, Rd: 11 - Ovr Pk: 313rd)

Morale

Normal

Expectation

No expectation

Major Service

None

Twitter Handle

@GavynJones08

BASIC PITCHING RATINGS

Stuff

35 / 65

Current / Potential

Movement

35 / 50

HRA

20 / 45

PBABIP

55 / 55

Control

30 / 45

Fastball

45 / 65

Slider

40 / 65

Curveball

SUMMARY

Overall

20

Potential

40

Scouting Accuracy

Very High

OTHER PITCHING RATINGS

GB/FB Tendency

Flyball Pitcher

Velocity

94-96 Mph

Arm Slot

Normal (3/4)

Pitcher Type

Power Pitcher

Projected Role in

MLB (MLB)

Current

Strictly Bullpen

Future

Starter

Stamina

55

Hold Runners

50

POSITION RATINGS

Pitcher

55 / 65

BATTING RATINGS

Contact

25 / 35

Power

25 / 30

Eye

25 / 30

Sacrifice Bunt

35

PERSONALITY

Preparation, intensity, and poise. He has them all.

Personality class: Unknown

High: Leader, Financial Ambition, Work Ethic, Intelligence

Full Draft Class - 2025

Draft Round	Draft Pick	POS	Name	Age	School	Height	Weight	Lev	Team	Demand	Overall	Potential
1	4	SS	Wehiwa Aloy	21	University of Arkansas	6' 2"	200 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$7,750,000	20	60
2	46	SS	Josh Gibbs	18	Forsyth Central	6' 0"	185 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$2,130,000	20	55
3	84	SP	Myles Upchurch	18	St. Albans	6' 4"	215 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$2,000,000	20	55
4	104	CF	Eli Pitts	18	North Gwinnett	6' 2"	190 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$730,000	20	55
5	133	SS	Marek Houston	21	Wake Forest University	6' 3"	185 lbs	A+	Tri-City	\$240,000	20	45
6	163	SP	Mitch Voit	20	University of Michigan	6' 0"	185 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$440,000	20	50
7	193	SP	Aiden Barrientes	18	Katy	6' 1"	185 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$490,000	20	50
8	223	1B	Jacob Krieg	21	Oregon State University	6' 5"	240 lbs	A+	Tri-City	\$310,000	20	50
9	253	SP	Matthew Hoskins	21	University of Georgia	6' 2"	200 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$270,000	20	40
10	283	C	Max Kaufer	20	Texas A&M University	6' 0"	210 lbs	A+	Tri-City	\$290,000	20	40
11	313	SP	Gavyn Jones	20	McLennan CC	6' 2"	200 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$95,000	20	40
12	343	RF	Taylor Tracey	18	Dripping Springs	6' 5"	190 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$250,000	20	40
13	373	3B	Cade Climie	21	Angelo State University	6' 2"	205 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$85,000	20	35
14	403	SS	Giovanni Colasante	21	Harvard University	6' 3"	195 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$75,000	20	35
15	433	CL	Ryder Brooks	21	UC Irvine	6' 2"	195 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$150,000	25	35
16	463	C	Ross Highfill	21	Mississippi State University	6' 0"	205 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$140,000	20	30
17	493	SP	Kaleb Applebey	22	LSU	6' 7"	220 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$130,000	20	40
18	523	CF	Chase Mason	22	South Dakota State University	6' 4"	215 lbs	A	Inland Empire	\$120,000	20	25
20	583	SS	Austin Hawke	21	University of North Carolina	5' 10"	165 lbs	R	Los Angeles A (ACL)	\$360,000	20	30

Others of Note

- **Taylor Tracey** was a Tennessee commit who surprisingly who forewent his ticket to Knoxville for \$250K. For now, it looks like a fourth outfielder profile, but at 6'5, 190, he has ample room to get to more power over the next several years.
- **Ross Highfill** mostly caught in college but is likely to play several different positions in pro ball. He's unlikely to hit enough to get to the Majors, but he'll be a fun player to watch move through the system playing a bunch of different positions (including some catcher).
- **Gio Colasante** is the first Harvard position player drafted since 2020. He's a near-lock to stay at shortstop but probably won't hit enough to be anything more than an occasional backup middle infielder.
- **Kaleb Applebey** emerged as a key rotation piece for LSU this past season, but everything is screaming reliever risk here. He has the stamina to start, but is unlikely to throw enough strikes. Great arm for this juncture of the Draft, though.